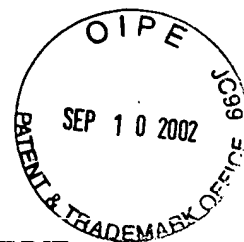




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In response to the Office action dated April 10, 2002 and in view of the herein referenced amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. In compliance with United States Patent and Trademark Office procedures, please extend the period for filing a response to the above-referenced Office Action by two months to September 10, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants submit along with this response, a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for use in prophylaxis or treatment of an insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus autoimmune disease in a mammal, said method comprising